



**US Army Corps
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New York District

Malta Test Station, Malta & Stillwater, NY

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION:

The site, previously known as the Saratoga Research and Development Center, is now part of the Luther Forest Technology Campus, located in the towns of Malta and Stillwater, New York--approximately 1.5 miles south of Saratoga Lake and 2 miles northeast of Round Lake, Congressional District NY-20. The Malta Test Station was used as a research and development facility for rocket and weapons testing for more than 50 years. The Malta Test Station was established in 1945 on a 165.36 acre tract by lease from Thomas F. Luther. On March 3, 1955, the United States acquired the 165.36 acre tract for the Department of the Army; the United States also acquired a perpetual easement over a circular area containing 1800 acres. A determination of eligibility for the Formerly Used Defense Site Program was signed on April 1, 1988.

AUTHORIZATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The former Malta Test Station was investigated under the Defense Environmental Restoration - Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program. That program was authorized by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. The Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) addresses ordnance concerns at FUDS. An MMRP site inspection was approved for this site on February 8, 2006, by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Malta Rocket Fuel Area was proposed for inclusion on the Superfund National Priorities list in June 1986, and listed in July 1987. A remedial investigation conducted in the 1995 timeframe evidenced soils impacted by mercury and lead, groundwater impacted by volatile organic compounds, and subsurface ordnance scrap items. In September 1997 a Consent Decree was signed by settling Federal Agencies and seven defendants for performance of remedial design and remedial action. The General Electric Company was identified as the performing party responsible for remedy selection. The Consent Decree did not address munitions, explosives or their constituents at the site. A Superfund Preliminary Site Close-Out Report was signed the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1999, which addressed soil and groundwater response actions taken.

STATUS:

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers completed site investigation in June 2007, in accordance with the protocol of the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). The recommendation of the site inspection was to conduct additional investigation related to ordnance under an MMRP/ Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) project. The MMRP/PRP project is pending.

There are two underground fuel tanks located on the property, containing residual fuel product. Removal and disposal of fuel and clean out of the underground tanks will be completed in the Spring, 2008.

PROJECT COST:

Fuel Removal and Tank Clean out.....	\$	27,900
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